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SUBJECT: UNESCO MASS MEDIA EXPERTS MEETING--

EUROPEAN AND REACTION TO ADOPTION OF

REFERENCE TO UNGA/RES 3379 (ZIONISM-RACISM)

FOR IO - AMB BLAKE FROM STOWE

REF: STOWE-BLAKE TELECON 12/17/75

1. IN LIGHT OF REFTELCON, I WISH TO SUGGEST THAT YOU GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO THE FOLLOWING ARGUMENTS IN ADDITION TO THOSE SUGGESTED SEPTEL IN DEVELOPING INSTRUCTIONS FOR USG REACTION.
 2. IN A RARE DISPLAY OF UNITY AND COMMON OUTRAGE, THE EC9 DELEGATIONS HAVE UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED TO THEIR CAPITALS THAT THEY NO LONGER PARTICIPATE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. ALTHOUGH I HAVE NO DIFFICULTY WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF THE US REJOINING THE NEGOTIATIONS AFTER A PROTEST, IF THE WESTERN EUROPEANS WOULD ALSO PREFER TO DO SO, I THINK WE WOULD DO SERIOUS DAMAGE TO THEIR FUTURE WILLINGNESS TO TAKE A STRONG POLITICAL STAND, PARTICULARLY IN THE MIDDLE EAST CONTEXT IF WE WERE TO UNDERCUT THEIR CONCERTED REACTION TO THIS RATHER
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OUTRAGEOUS EXPERTS MEETING DECISION. IN THE UN,

UNESCO AND OTHER FORUMS WE ARE REPEATEDLY ATTEMPTING TO PERSUADE THE WESTERN EUROPEANS TO REACT VIGOROUSLY WHEN PRINCIPLES ARE ABUSED, AND WE ARE CONSTANTLY CRITICISING THEM FOR LACK OF CONVICTION AND COURAGE IF THEY DO NOT STAND UP. IF THEY ARE WILLING WITHOUT OUR URGING TO DO SO HERE, I BELIEVE WE SHOULD SUPPORT THEM BY TAKING AT LEAST EQUALLY STRONG ACTION.

3. WITH REGARD TO THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE, I.E. ZIONISM-RACISM, I WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT A US POSITION WEAKER THAN THAT FAVORED BY THE WE'S WOULD EFFECTIVELY END THEIR ABILITY TO BRING THE FRENCH AND ITALIANS, AND IN TURN OTHERS, ALONG. EVEN HERE THE FRENCH WERE EARLIER WILLING TO PROPOSE REPEAT PROPOSE A COMPROMISE TEXT WHICH RECALLED THE RACISM RESOLUTIONS WITHOUT SPECIFYING THE NUMBER. I QUESTION WHETHER IT IS IN OUR INTEREST TO HAVE THE PRESENT UNITY DISAPPEAR, AND PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF A USG POSITION.

4. WITH REGARD TO BROADER ISSUES, I BELIEVE THAT THE DAMAGE TO OUR CHANCES OF GETTING EUROPEAN SUPPORT ON DIFFICULT AND SENSITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE FUTURE MAY WELL OUTWEIGH THE DIFFICULTIES PRESENTED IN OVERCOMING THE ARGUMENT THAT NON-PARTICIPATION HERE CREATES A PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE ACTIONS.

5. I FULLY AGREE WITH AVOIDING THE PUBLIC IMPRESSION THAT WE WILL WALK OUT EVERY TIME 3379 IS REAFFIRMED. HOWEVER, I ALSO SUGGEST THAT THERE ARE ADEQUATE GROUNDS FOR DISTINGUISHING REFUSAL TO PARTICIPATE FURTHER IN THIS SESSION FROM MOST FUTURE CASES IN WHICH THE

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ZIONISM-RACISM FORMULA MAY BE ADOPTED. A FAIR AND REASONABLE REACHING OF THE LANGUAGE OF THE ADOPTED PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH IN MY VIEW REQUIRES THE CONCLUSION THAT EVERY TIME THE TERM RACISM APPEARS IN THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION IT SHOULD BE READ AS INCLUDING ZIONISM. THE TERM RACISM APPEARS IN THE TITLE AND THROUGHOUT THE TEXT OF BOTH OPERATIVE AND PREAMBULAR PROVISIONS, AND HENCE WE KNOW ALREADY THAT VIRTUALLY THE ENTIRE TEXT WILL BE CONSTRUED AS A CALL ON STATES AND THE INDEPENDENT MASS MEDIA TO COMBAT AND CONDEMN ZIONISM, AS WELL AS WAR PROPAGANDA, RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, TO PUBLICIZE ANTI-ZIONISM, ETC. THE PRINCIPAL SUPPORTERS OF THE ADOPTED AMENDMENT ALL EXPRESSED THIS VIEW, AND HENCE THE NEGOTIATING HISTORY WILL STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS CONCLUSION. THIS HISTORY ON ITS FACE CHANGES THE ESSENCE AND PRINCIPAL THRUST OF THIS DRAFT DECLARATION TO ONE WHICH WE CANNOT SUPPORT, AND WE KNOW THAT NOW, REGARDLESS OF WHAT THE REMAINING PROVISIONS SAY. THIS IS QUITE DIFFERENT FROM PREAMBULAR AFFIRMATION OF 3379 IN A CONTEXT WHERE IT AMOUNTS SIMPLY TO ONE ELEMENT OUT OF MANY

AND DOES NOT DETERMINE THE CENTRAL THEME OF THE WHOLE DOCUMENT.

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6. WE WILL SEND FURTHER WE VIEWS AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE.

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